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SHANKILL COMMUNITY AREA NEWSLETTER

Shankill Day Care Centre Receives Community & Volunteer Award

Recognising its Meals on Wheels Service and Age-Friendly Initiatives

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The AGM of SCAN will be held on

26TH JUNE

Venue: St. Anne's Resource Centre

Time: 8 pm

All are welcome to attend.

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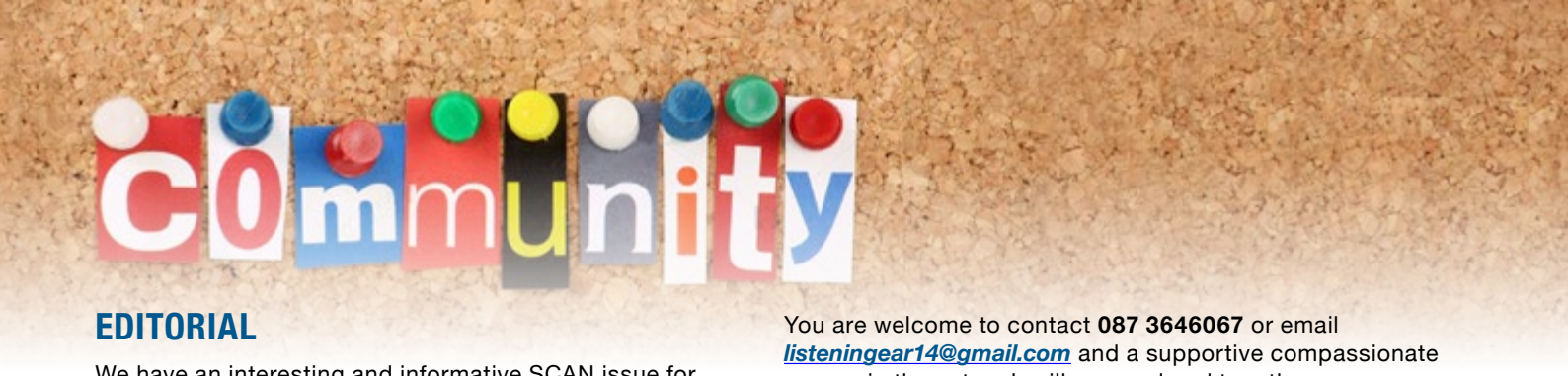

EDITORIAL

We have an interesting and informative SCAN issue for June 2024. A letter from a local resident highlights traffic problems in Shankill and their effects on pedestrians in particular. The existing crossing points and the pedestrian lights near the church and opposite the shops in the village seem inadequate given the volume of daily through traffic in Shankill. Would replacing two of the crossing points with Zebra crossings help? Hopefully a workable solution can be found for all.

Shankill Day Care Centre is featured on our cover this month. They received a Community and Volunteer award in the age friendly category from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council recently. This acknowledged the ongoing commitment to a welcoming and friendly environment in the Centre and also its invaluable Meals on Wheels service, which provides up to 50 hot meals per day to senior members of the local community.

Shankill Ballybrack Community First Responders also received a Community and Volunteer award from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council in the Community and Civic Pride category. Their work includes the installation of Public Access Defibrillators (PADs) at strategic locations in Shankill, Ballybrack and the neighbouring areas. They also strive to raise public awareness of the importance of learning CPR and life saving skills through courses and demonstrations. They also have a new website which can be viewed at ***www.shankillcfr.ie***.

Finally we wish to take this opportunity to wish the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Denis O'Callaghan well in his retirement from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. Denis was first elected to Dublin County Council In 1991 and he has been re-elected at every local election since then. Denis is a retired postal worker with a distinguished career. He was elected a Worker Director in An Post in a national ballot of postal staff in 1988 and was active in the Communications Workers Union during his working life.

He was previously Cathaoirleach of DLR in 2007/2008 and served as Leas-Cathaoirleach in 2006/2007. As an elected Labour Councillor, Denis served on various committees including the Dún Laoghaire Area Committee, Joint Policing Committee, Housing, Economic Development & Cultural SPC's.

Denis has lived in Shankill for almost 50 years and has made a significant contribution to our local community through his political and social activism. We wish him a long and happy retirement. He has certainly earned it.

LISTENING EAR - SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

The Network is open to persons of any faith and none. Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7.30 - 9p.m. in the Resource Centre.

You are welcome to contact **087 3646067** or email ***listeningear14@gmail.com*** and a supportive compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how we can be of help to you.

Complete confidentiality is guaranteed and everyone will be warm and friendly.

SHANKILL CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

The next meetings of the Shankill Classical Music Club will be on Wednesday 5th June. Usual time and place: 7:45 p.m. in Shankill Day Centre, Lower Road, Shankill.

For further info please ring or text John O'Hagan: **087 2109175**.

AA MEETINGS SHANKILL

Alcoholics Anonymous hosts meetings in Crinken Church Parish Hall every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and in St. Anne's Community Centre (beside St. Anne's Church) every Sunday at 8.30 pm. Doors open around 8.15 pm.

A welcome awaits you.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. Anne's Resource Centre Shankill

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence.

We have a drop-in service on the first Friday of each month at 10.30 am or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call the **01 2822704** to arrange.

FIRST SATURDAY BOOK SALE

The June First Saturday Book Sale, which supports the Shankill Old Folks Association, will take place in the Shankill Day Centre, Lower Road, Shankill, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday June 1st and all are welcome to attend. This will be an excellent opportunity to obtain some first class reading for after Easter. Donations of books are appreciated but must be in a clean and good condition, are limited to two shopping bags per donor, and will be gratefully accepted only on the day of the book sale. The July First Saturday Book Sale will take place on Saturday July 6th.

LETTER FROM RESIDENT

Dear Editor,

Traffic through Shankill village has reached appalling levels and it will get worse with almost 800 houses and apartments, including a national record-breaking 597 public sector apartments being built just down the road at Shanganagh Castle.

Councillor Carrie Smyth helpfully enquired with the officials in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council about a second set of traffic lights. She was told an additional pedestrian crossing would not be of much benefit to the village. Well, like so many others, I live here and I disagree.

At the very least, the two existing pedestrian crossings, in the middle of the street, at the two extremes of the street, should be converted to zebra crossings. Passing traffic is being prioritised unfairly at the expense of residents here. That is clearly unfair. I believe that we are being neglected. We should be able to cross our main street easily and safely. I would ask the officials to come down and take another look. And re-consider. The one set of traffic lights were built for quieter times.This should not become a struggle for Shankill. Let's await developments.

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DEPOSIT RETURN SCHEME

When you buy a drink in a container with the **Re-turn** logo you are charged a small refundable deposit. You can then claim back the deposit by returning the empty container. This is a new bottle and can recycling system and is known as the Deposit Return Scheme. The scheme began on 1 February 2024. The cost of the deposit is automatically added to the cost of the drink. You can get your deposit back by returning your containers as long as they are empty and undamaged.

What containers can be recycled?
Most drinks containers such as bottles, cans and tins made from plastic, aluminium or steel can be returned once they are between 150ml and 3 litres in size and have the Re-turn logo on them. The containers should be empty, undamaged and in their original shape. The barcode must also be readable.

Some containers are **not** included in the scheme and can't be returned, including: Glass bottles or containers; All dairy products (for example, milk or yogurt containers); Containers over 3 litres.

You will not be able to return drinks containers which were bought before 1 February 2024 as these will not have the Re-turn logo or a barcode registered as part of the scheme. In most cases, if your container doesn't have the Re-turn logo on it, you can't return it and it should be recycled as normal. However, until 1 June 2024, containers that do not have a Re-turn logo but have a barcode that is registered as part of the scheme are included.

You can return your bottles with or without the bottle cap. However, it is recommended that you leave the bottle cap on. This will ensure that: The bottle cap is properly recycled; The bottle holds its shape, making it easier for the machine to read the barcode. The deposit costs between 15-25 cent depending on the size of the container. Containers between 150ml to 500ml have a 15 cents deposit. Containers over 500ml to 3 litres have a 25 cents deposit.

You can return your containers to shops that sell drink containers with the Re-turn logo. You don't need to return your containers to the same shop that you bought them from. At the shops you can either return the containers: Using a Reverse Vending Machine (RVM) or manually in the shop. Not all shops will have a Reverse Vending Machine. If a shop does not have a RVM but they sell containers with the Re-turn logo, the shop may allow you to manually return containers in store, unless they have a take back exemption, see below. If you are using a Reverse Vending Machine, you will be given a voucher for the value of the deposit on the number of containers you returned. You can choose to use your voucher to buy something in that specific shop or to refund your voucher for cash. If you returned your items using an RVM, you can only use or refund your voucher in that same shop where you returned the bottles. You cannot reclaim your voucher in a store if you used a RVM from a different store.

Take back exemptions
Certain businesses can get a take back exemption, for example, retail outlets with less than 250 square metres of customer-facing space.

There is a transition period for retailers from 1 February 2024 to 1 June 2024. During this transition period, shops can sell new containers with the Re-turn logo and older containers which don't have the logo. During this time, you will be charged a deposit if the container has: A Re-turn logo and a barcode that is registered as part of the scheme; No logo but has a barcode that is registered as part of the scheme.

This means that if you are charged a deposit for a container, you will be able to claim it back even if the container does not have a Re-turn logo. During the transition period, older containers which don't have a Re-turn logo or a registered barcode will also be available. You will not be charged a deposit for these containers and can recycle them at home in your green bin. From 1 June 2024, all drinks containers included in the scheme will have a Re-turn logo and registered barcode.

Some restaurants and cafés may charge you a deposit fee if you buy a drink that comes in a container. Generally, sit-down restaurants and other businesses that focus on on-site consumption will not charge you a deposit fee. This is because they can collect and return the drink containers themselves. Take-aways and other businesses that focus on off-site consumption, will generally charge you a deposit fee. This is because you will usually take the container away with you.

For more information on this scheme and how it works, you can visit the Re-turn website.

(Source:www.citizensinformation.ie)

The Citizens Information HELPLINE is: 0818 07 4000- OR - Call in to the Citizens Information Centre at Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire at any time between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. No appointment necessary. Clarence Street is the turning to the right at the traffic lights at the junction of Lower Georges Street, Cumberland Street and York Road, Dun Laoghaire. Citizens Information offers a Free, Confidential and Impartial Service to the citizens of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on a very wide range of useful issues. OR Phone Dun Laoghaire CIC at: 0818 07 7400.

Club Golf Classic. Old Conna Golf Club, Friday 7th June
Tee Times 11.30am to 4.00pm. Cost €400 per team of 4 people which includes, Golf, Goodie Bag, Meal in Brady's, and great Prizes. Sponsor a tee box €100. To book a tee time contact Wayne Sheridan 086 3836382 or Mary O Donnell 086 6072746.

Care to be a Volunteer?
As our club continues to grow at a phenomenal rate with some 30 active teams and a thriving Academy we need extra help. Added to this we have some exciting future projects planned as we strive to provide first class facilities for both the children and adults of Shankill to use and enjoy. As a volunteer it is entirely up to you as to the amount time you have available. You do not have to be an ex-player to get involved. There are many roles, Administration, Fund Raising, Social Media, Coaching as well as various Village community events. **We are "a roll up your sleeves and get stuck in" club. Volunteering is a very rewarding experiences, so why not give it a try.** Call Mary O Donnell 086 6072746 for more information.

Academy
The Academy for both boys and girls from 4 to 6 years is in Stonebridge Road from 10.00am to 11.00am every Saturday morning. Loads of coaches are on hand, all equipment is provided and first several weeks are free, or just throw a couple of Euro into the bucket. So why not give the Academy a try any weekend.

Inter Schools Cross Country Run
The club were delighted to be able to offer our facilities at Stonebridge Road for the runners. The event was organised by Brian Coleman, Principle of Scoil Mhuire and assisted by Steven Sheridan. Some 350 boys and girls from seven schools: St Annes, Rathmichael; Scoil Mhuire; Scoil Colmchille, St Cronan's; Devine Word; and St Brigid's Boys competed in the event. Great credit to all involved and Cllr. Jim Gildea was on hand to make the presentations.

So Proud of our Féile Girls
Once again, our Féile girls' teams did Shankill proud. The Football team went all the way to the semi final after a brilliant run of games. However, the Camogie team went one better getting all the way to the final before losing by the slimmest of margins. After these fine performances it can only be a matter of time before we bring home some silverware. A big well done to everyone involved they did Shankill proud.

Mol an Óige agus Tiocfaidh Sí
The old Irish saying "Praise the young and they will flourish" would seem appropriate as Once Upon A Time Nursery and Montessori School in Shankill held a Diversity week. Claire and Caoileann who have children attending the school and are from our Gaelic4Mothers&Others group dropped in to have a chat. The essence of their talk was the importance of children taking part in outdoor sports. Hopefully we will see these young people running around in Shankill jerseys very soon. **www.shankillgaa.ie**

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Athletics

A rainy evening but lots of wonderful athletes taking part, who will now represent Shankill in the Dublin County Finals on the 2nd of June.

Also thank you to our local Councillor, Jim Gildea who always supports the Community Games.

Aine Murray was presented with her 2023 Dublin Volunteer of the year for her unrelenting service to Shankill in restarting the Community Games in the local area almost 10 years ago.

SHANKILL FC
Part of Our Community

As Shankill FC strengthens its relationship with Shamrock Rovers F.C., we are delighted to announce that Shamrock Rovers Summer Camps are coming to Shanganagh Park For 2 weeks this summer. The summer camps are open to children born between 1/7/2010 and 1/7/2019. Camps run from 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday
€65 registration and €120 sibling discount for 2 children. Places are limited so please register early to avoid disappointment.

Registration is open at ***https://www.shamrockrovers.ie/summer-camps/***

Great win for our U13 MGL Premier team in the Under 14 SFAI Girls Regional Round Quater Final against Bohemians. Our girls worked tirelessly throughout the match with a performance full of so much grit, determination and heart to gain the victory.

Very well done girls!

Shankill FC were delighted to be invited to savour The Full Matchday experience at Tallaght stadium with Shamrock Rovers F.C.

Big thank you to Eoghan and his team for a wonderful evening for all of the players, coaches and parents.

We look forward to our Club Night Match Day experience with Shamrock Rovers Academy at Tallaght stadium soon.

Shankill FC congratulates St. Anne's Primary School in Shankill for a fantastic win against Monkstown Educate Together National School in the FAI schools Pegasus Cup. An excellent penalty sealed the win. They now progress to the quarter finals. Very well done guys!

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Shankill Bowling Club

by Jack Byrne P.R.O.

BENEFICIARIES

How wonderful it is to have delivered to one's doorstep every month a very well compiled community newsletter such as SCAN, providing news of all kinds, and informing everyone of what is happening within their immediate area and beyond. News of sport, politics, employment opportunities and so on; all the needs of the community rolled into one very well-presented magazine. I'm sure we are all very proud of the job well done by the dedicated team from the community.

Our club, Shankill Bowling Club, is certainly one of the thankful beneficiaries indebted to SCAN for the voice it provides for us in publishing the progress of our members' performance in the sport of bowling, by which we uphold and promote the name of Shankill, when we compete season after season. This invaluable publicity our club receives through SCAN enables us to increase our membership yearly with new people moving into our community and by spreading the good news of our whereabouts within this closely knit neighborhood of Shankill.

All summer leagues are again being contested by our members. Members are also contesting our national competitions, where all clubs compete within the twenty-six counties for national honours. With both indoor bowling (shortmat) and outdoor bowling on our all-weather outdoor woven surface rinks, our club also provides our members with our internal competitions of singles, doubles, triples, and fours (rinks) and out of these competitions there arises through the club singles winner, another competition, that of the 'champion of champions' competition. Shankill is a proud former winner of this prestigious trophy and there is little doubt we shall be again. At the time of going to press we welcome seventeen new members and assure those who have been enticed by this wonderful pastime that they won't regret it. We have room for more to drop by and give it a try

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Shankill & Ballybrack
Community First Responders

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What an eventful month April has been! We're thrilled to announce that Shankill & Ballybrack CFR has been honored with the prestigious Community and Volunteer Award 2024, in the Community & Civic Pride category by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

This recognition underscores the importance and impact of our initiatives within the communities we serve. None of this would have been possible without the unwavering dedication and commitment of our volunteers. Our efforts to provide CPR and life-saving skills training to individuals in our community is increasing, with an additional 95 individuals trained, strengthening our community of bystander CPR individuals.

We're also continuing to expand our network of strategically placed PADs in neighbouring areas. Thanks to the grant from HSE Ireland's national lottery where we received three defibrillators, our 14th PAD has been installed at Whelehans Wines (Location D18VK37).

In addition, we're excited to announce the launch of our new website, ***www.shankillcfr.ie***, where you can find up-to-date information and news. Be sure to bookmark it!

Looking ahead to June 1st, 2024, our volunteers will be participating in a sponsored walking event to raise awareness about the critical importance of learning CPR and life-saving skills. The event will start at 11am at Brady's of Shankill and a live CPR and AED use demonstration will take place between 12pm to 12:30pm at Igo Inn Ballybrack.

For the latest updates, follow us on our social media platforms: Facebook page "Shankill & Ballybrack CFR" and Instagram account ***@shankillballybrackcfr.***

A heartfelt thank you to everyone at Shankill & Ballybrack Community First Responders for the outstanding contributions. Their tireless dedication has truly made a meaningful difference.

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Shankill Day Care Centre Receives Community & Volunteer Award, Recognising its Meals on Wheels Service and Age-Friendly Initiatives

Shankill Day Care Centre has been honoured with the prestigious Community & Volunteer Award in the Age-Friendly category by the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, underscoring its outstanding contributions to the community. This recognition celebrates not only the Centre's commitment to fostering an age-friendly environment but also its invaluable Meals on Wheels service, which provides up to 50 hot meals per day to seniors in the community.

The Meals on Wheels program epitomizes Shankill Day Care Centre's dedication to supporting older adults by ensuring they have access to nutritious meals and social interaction. For many seniors, these daily deliveries go beyond just sustenance; they provide a lifeline, offering comfort, companionship, and a sense of connection to the wider community.

In addition to the Meals on Wheels service, Shankill Day Care Centre offers a comprehensive range of programs and activities designed to promote the health, well-being, and social inclusion of older adults. From fitness classes and dance therapy to art workshops, the Centre provides opportunities for seniors to stay active, engaged, and connected with others. Receiving the Community & Volunteer Award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the staff, volunteers, and supporters who make Shankill Day Care Centre a beacon of support for seniors in the community. Their tireless efforts to ensure that every member feels valued and respected have not gone unnoticed, and this award serves as a well-deserved recognition of their commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.

As the aging population continues to grow, initiatives like Shankill Day Care Centre's Meals on Wheels service play a crucial role in addressing the needs of older adults and promoting their independence and well-being. By delivering not just meals, but also kindness, compassion, and companionship, the centre is helping seniors to live with dignity and grace in their own homes.

In receiving this award, Shankill Day Care Centre reaffirms its position as a leader in providing compassionate and comprehensive care to older adults. Moving forward, the Centre remains steadfast in its mission to serve the community and uphold the values of inclusivity, respect, and support for all. Through continued collaboration and dedication, Shankill Day Care Centre will continue to make a positive impact on the lives of seniors and the community at large.

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Before you consider investing it is important to have a Rainy-Day Fund for unexpected expenses. This amount should be to the value of roughly three months net pay. It is also important to clear any short-term high interest debt that you may have before considering investing e.g. credit card debt.

While one of the biggest benefits of saving is that your money is safe and sound in the bank, that's also one of the biggest drawbacks. That money really is just resting in your account. Inflation means that each year, the value of a given amount of money will most likely decrease. Investing gives your money the chance to work for you rather than just sitting in an account.

Investing into a regular stock market saver account can be a suitable option for many people. You will have the option to invest a lump sum amount, a monthly contribution or both. Over any 10 year period, the stock market has always been the best return of any asset class: from 1991 to 2020 the average annual growth in the stock market was 10.72%.

It is important to remember that investing carries risk. Even though your money could outpace inflation, the value of your investment can go down as well as up. You could lose some or all of your money. This means that investing is a long game – it shouldn't be something you use to save for next year's holiday, but rather for much bigger and distant goals. Generally speaking it is recommended that you aim to invest for a minimum of five years.

There are many investment savings accounts to choose from in Ireland. You will most likely have seen or heard advertisements for these on the TV or radio from companies such as Zurich, Aviva & Irish Life. A good Financial Adviser can help you to choose an investment savings account that suits your needs and attitude to risk. Your financial adviser will be aware of the differences between each savings policy based on fund charges, flexibility to access your funds if needs be, and also past performance of the underlying investment funds.

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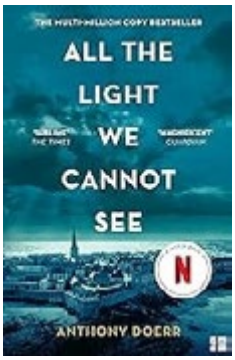
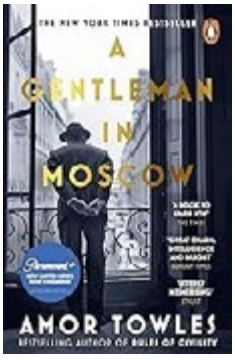
3.00pm to 4.00pm every Wednesday afternoon (3-8 years).

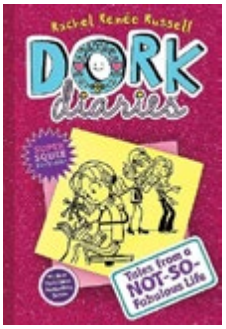
Book Clubs



- Our First Tuesday Evening Book Club meets on June 4th @ 6.00pm to discuss:
  "All the Light we cannot see"
  by Anthony Doerr



- Our Friday Book Club meets on June 7th at 11.00 am to review:
  "A Gentleman in Moscow"
  by Amor Towles



- Our Junior Book Club meet on the last Tuesday of the month in the afternoon. Our next meeting will be held on the Tuesday 25thJune @ 2.45 pm.

  The title discussed will be ***"Dork Diaries – Tales from a not –so-fabulous life"***
  by Rachel Renée Russell.

All 3 book clubs are presently full. New members will be put on a waiting list and informed when a place becomes available.

Other Events

Stencilling Workshop with artist Kim Jenkinson on Friday 14th June @ 11.00am

Join artist Kim Jenkinson for stencilling workshop where we will learn to create colourful patterned artwork using simple stencilling techniques and use our finished pieces to create greeting cards and bookmarks.

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Local History Society Lectures

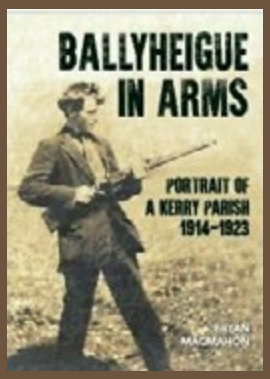
by James Scannell

Clontarf Historical Society
Collette Gill will present ***'The artist Patrick Leonard and his Clontarf connection'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Monday June 10th in St. John's Parish Centre, Clontarf Road, Dublin 3. All are welcome – admission is €5.

Shankill - Looking Back

At the June 1924 meeting of the Rathdown No.1 Rural District Council, a sub-division of Dublin County Council, an application from Mr. W. Harvey, Summerhill, Dublin, for the tenancy of a vacant cottage in Shankill, was declined on the grounds that these were only for labourers in the Council's area.

Publications



'Ballyheigue In Arms - Portrait of a Kerry Parish 1914-1923' by Bryan MacMahon, published by Ballyheigue Heritage Group, and available from ***www.omahonys.ie*** at €20 plus p & p.

This is the latest book from Bryan MacMahon in which he relates the events of the years of the revolution in Ballyheigue and the surrounding area. It profiles those involved, including Volunteer John Lawlor executed by Free State forces in October 1922. New information from Military Archives sheds light on the men and women of the Irish Republican Army and Cumann na mBan whose roles in the foundation of the state have faded from public memory over the last century. Remarkably testimonies by eye-witnesses and participants are published here for the first time, including those of Ellen O'Connor and Bride Gleeson. The micro-study describes the burning of the Coastguard Station in 1920 and of Ballyheigue Castle in 1921. It also covers the three-month occupation of Ballyheigue by Free State troops during the Civil War, Michael Pierce's decision to lay down arms in February 1923 and the tragic events at Clashmealon Caves in the final days of that eventful period. This book also pays tribute to soldiers who fought in World War 1 from the Western Front to Gallipoli, including Brigadier-General James D. Crosbie of Ballyheigue Castle, and five men who lost their lives - Michael Reidy, James Low, Stephen Leen, Gerald Cullen and Michael Lynch.

History Ireland magazine, May/ June 2024, Volume 32 No.3, Editor Tommy Graham, published by Wordwell Ltd.
Articles featured in the latest issue of this excellent magazine, which features a portrait of James Joyce by Jacques-Emile Blanche on the cover, include – In ***'From the Editor'*** Tommy Graham opines on ***'Ireland and identity – why it matters'; 'History in the News'*** recalls ***'The Kerlogue rescue, December 1943'*** by Fran O'Rourke, and ***'Early medieval Ireland at the Edward Worth Library, Dublin'*** by Elizabethanne Boran; ***'Thomas Orde-Powlett (1746-1807) - a snapshot of his education plans for Ireland'*** by Tony Lyons; ***'William Sharman Crawford and the revival of Ulster radicalism'*** by Peter Gray; ***'The 1865 County Louth general election and the intervention of a dabbler'*** by Brian Hopkins; ***'Ulysses as a history'*** by Daniel Mulhall; ***'Antiquarians on the hill of Uisneach'*** by Angus Mitchell; ***'Desmond Greaves and the Connolly Association's three marches across England, 1961-2'*** by Michael Quinn; ***'The Irish in Britain - the impact of the Troubles'*** by Brian Harvey; ***'Ireland and 'whiteness' since independence'*** by Van Gosse; ***'The first government (jets)'*** by Peter Connolly; ***'Bite-Sized History'*** by Donal Fallon; ***'Letters'***, and the regular features of ***'Platform', 'Artefacts'***, ***'Kindred Lines', 'Gems of Architecture','Local Archives', 'Ireland 100 Years Ago', 'Seen on TV', 'What's on Stage', 'Museum Eye', 'Bookworm', 'The Big Book',*** and individual ***'Book Reviews'.*** A subscription to ***'History Ireland'*** makes an ideal gift and also is an excellent way to ensure never to miss an issue. For on-line subscription details go to ***www.historyireland.com***; call 01-2933568 or email: ***carol@wordwell.ie.***

Assistance Sought

Declan Dunne ***(declanpdunne@yahoo.co.uk)*** is attempting to find out about the Ryan family who ran the Silver Tassie up until at least 1953. When I say "ran" they appear not to have been the licence-holders. A man called Pinkerton owned the pub and was in dispute with bar staff in the mid-1950s, a story that received attention in the national newspapers. Unfortunately, despite extensive trawling, I have been unable to find the name Ryan associated with this dispute. My knowledge of the Ryans is scant. The only other information I have is that of Chrissie Ryan (female) who was running the Silver Tassie in 1953 and perhaps for some time after. The family lived in a house behind the pub. She was single and had a brother, who was married with children, and lived in County Wicklow. Chrissie's parents ran the pub before her in the 1940s and were quite elderly in 1953.The family had relatives, the Keans, in Liverpool who visited them in the 1950s. Any information would be appreciated.

Rathmichael Historical Society

by Richard Ryan

The highlight of the Society's Spring programme was our annual away weekend at the end of April. This year we were based in Birr, Co.Offaly, to explore the riches of the Monastic Midlands.

On the first day, a guided visit to the multi-period monastic site of Seir Kieran, led by Caimin O'Brien of the National Monuments Service was followed by a talk by Denis Shine of The Irish Heritage School, entitled

Squares and Circles. This neatly described the shapes of the early Irish monasteries (circles or ovals) and of the later monasteries established by the religious orders (squares and rectangles).

Day two was focused on the lovely Georgian town of Birr itself, which included guided visits to the Castle along with the Castle grounds and the science museum with its focus on astronomy, steam turbine propulsion and photography, all areas of world-class expertise associated with the Castle.

No stay in the Midlands could be complete without a visit to the wonderful monastery of Clonmacnoise and this was guided by Con Manning who had worked on the site and shared his extensive knowledge with us. Con also showed us the unusual Napoleanic fort at Shannonbridge which is unique in Britain or Ireland. The day concluded with a visit to the fascinating Clonfert Cathedral. Its doorway is considered to be the crowning achievement of Irish Romanesque stonework.

On the fourth day, the group visited Lemanaghan monastic site and the nearby Boher Church with its famous medieval shrine.

Great thanks are due to Shankill residents, Adrienne Hume and John Roden, who organized and implemented this fascinating and informative trip.

The theme of The Monastic Midlands continues with the Summer Lecture Series in August, the programme for which is as follows:

- **19th August:** The Monastic Landscape of Seir Kieran – the Development and Evolution of a Midland Monastery by Caimin O'Brien.
- **20th August:** A Modern Scholar Explores the Monastic Midlands, Past and Present by George Cunningham.
- **21st August:** Leo Swan Memorial Lecture: Clonmacnoise and its Churches by Con Manning.
- **22nd August:** King Turlough O'Connor, Clonmacnoise and the Lemanaghan Shrine: Royal Patronage in the Monastic Midlands in the early 12th Century by Griffin Murray.
- **23rd August:** Tech Mo Chua/Timahoe and the Life of Saint Mo Chuae by Charles Doherty.

All talks will be at 8pm in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co.Dublin. They will also be viewable by Zoom.

Members attend free. Non-members pay €5 per lecture which includes tea, coffee and biscuits.

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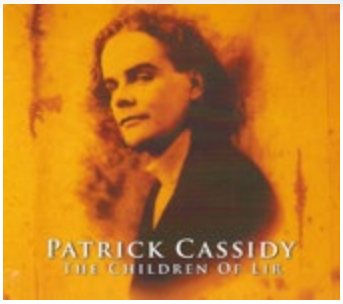

Buried deep in Maud Kieran's playlist for the May meeting were several real rarities. Firstly, an evocative Chinese piece Plum Season Melody, played by a group of Chinese musicians, featuring mainly a traditional-style flute (a traditional Chinese version, rather than the western instrument) and strings. Also we had a choral piece by the Japanese composer Toru Takemitsu (although we did have some instrumental music by this composer a few months ago).

From Felix Mendelssohn we had the slow movement from a violin concerto – not the familiar mature masterpiece (in E minor) but the 13-year old's D minor apprentice work. An attractive piece, indeed, but one would have been hard-put to name the composer at first listen.

Even more surprising was an intriguing orchestral piece Nymphalin Reverie, a gentle waltz from none other than the king of the American marching bands, John Philip Sousa.

Among the other instrumental pieces, the piano took pride of place. Erik Satie's Gymnopedie No 1 (he was fond of enigmatic titles) is one of those hypnotic solos that many of us know without being able to name – familiar not least because many movie directors have found it irresistible. In the slow movements from two great piano concertos we heard famous pianists from the mid-to-late 20th century, both born in Latin America, as it happens: Claudio Arrau (Chile) in Chopin's second and Martha Argerich (Argentina) in Tchaikovsky's first.

Tchaikovsky again in a piano solo, the movement June from his Seasons set. The pianist here was the Irishman John Gibson. And this wasn't the only Irish connection.

We heard two pieces drawing on the legend of the Children of Lir: first, a movement from Patrick Cassidy's cantata of that name, and then Thomas Moore's Silent, O Moyle, sung by Limerick's Suzanne Murphy. And the evening ended with a duet some distance from standard operatic fare, a protest song about environmental damage What Will We Tell the Children, sung by Eleanor Shanley and Ronnie Drew!

No operatic tenor, he. But there were tenors a-plenty elsewhere, ranging from a golden-era Russian, Leonid Sobinov, recorded in 1912 in an aria by Rimsky-Korsakov, through songs from the great musicals from the mid-century Richard Tauber and the more recent Placido Domingo, to the evergreen Granada delivered by Juan Diego Florez in full voice. And soprano Kiri te Kanawa in Gershwin's Summertime. But how to describe the husky, breathy voice of that other product of Limerick, Richard Harris, in How to Handle a Woman, from Camelot?

Running out of room, so just a brief mention for soprano Kiri Te Kanawa in Summertime from Gershwin's Porgy and Bess, violinist Sarah Chang in an arrangement of the Franz Liszt's piano piece Consolation No 3, an atmospheric orchestral piece by Frederick Delius, and a suite from Georges Bizet's Carmen. Quite a mix!

The next meeting will be on Wed 5 June. Usual time and place: 7:45 in Shankill Day Centre, Lower Road, Shankill.

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Fear ildánach ab ea é a rugadh i 1938. Scríobh sé drámaí a léiríodh i dtíortha éagsúla san Eoraip agus i gCeanada, san Astráil agus sa Nua-Shéalainn. Scríobh sé a lán leabhar, ina measc siúd leagan Béarla den 'Táin' do dhaoine óga a raibh an-tóir air nuair a foilsíodh é. Ghnóthaigh sé duaiseanna dá dhrámaí agus dá leabhair a scríobh sé i nGaeilge freisin.

Ach an rud is suntasaí domsa ná gurb é agus a chomhghleacaí, Joe Burkett, a scríobh an t-aon amhrán Gaeilge riamh a bhuaigh an Comórtas Amhrán Náisiúnta. I 1972, ba í Sandie Jones a chas 'Amhrán an Ghrá' ar son na hÉireann i nDún Éideann i gComórtas Amhrán Eorafíse na bliana sin.

Bhí mé sa bhunscoil ag an am sin agus is cuimhin liom an t-amhrán go maith, mar ní róshásta a bhí mé nuair a thug Mrs Curran dúinn mar obair bhaile an t-amhrán uilig a chur de ghlanmheabhair! Ach in ainneoin an ualaigh mhóir a bhain leis an obair sin, táim an-tugtha don amhrán ó shin i leith.

Na laethanta seo, is féidir teacht ar fhíseán den ocáid sin i nDún Éideann ar Youtube, agus tugann sé sin siar ar bhóithrín na smaointe mé agus mé i rang a ceathair.

Fuair Liam Mac Uistín bás in 2018 ach fós, tá roinnt dá chuid leabhar ar fáil, ceithre cinn i leabharlann Sheanchill, áit ar féidir teacht ar dhá úrscéal Gaeilge a scríobh sé curtha in oiriúint d'fhoghlaimeoirí fásta; 'An Svaistice Glas' agus 'An

Geall', agus dhá leabhar Béarla, 'Exploring Newgrange' agus 'Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth'.

IH a scríobh.

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This month I said that I would explore the efforts that China is making to deal with the problem of flooding. It is becoming such a problem for many countries, including Ireland. Flooding is increasing because the warming oceans result in 10 – 15% more water in the clouds. When it rains there is more water and it seems to come more quickly and overwhelm drainage systems that were designed for more benign times. The propensity to flood is exacerbated by drought which bakes the surface preventing rapid absorption or by the saturation of soils due to prolonged rain such as we have had here in Ireland for the last ten months or so which can also lead to surface accumulation and run off. So, what is China doing?

FLOOD PREVENTION IN CHINA

Kongjian Yu, a landscape architect and professor at Peking University, is developing what might seem like a counterintuitive response: "Let the water in".
"You cannot fight water," he said. "You have to adapt to it." Instead of putting in more drainage pipes, building flood walls and channeling rivers between concrete embankments, which is the usual approach to managing water, Mr. Yu wants to dissipate the destructive force of floodwaters by slowing them and giving them room to spread out. "We've been using the conventional drainage infrastructure for 200 years and we haven't solved the flooding problem," he said. He has been able to identify derelict areas beside the rivers flowing through the cities and repurpose them so that any flood water has a large area to flow into and then drain slowly back into the river as the floods subside. But he has also turned these areas into floodable water parks so that they can be enjoyed by the whole population for the rest of the year when not working for flood prevention.

It is obvious that, here in Ireland, we need a total ban on building in floodplains or any place liable to flooding. We also need a proper national plan to identify areas where flood waters can be allowed to flow and remain as necessary. This may well mean that certain areas adjoining rivers be designated for flood control and allowed to flood. The landowner would need to be compensated appropriately. As they have found in China and indeed here along some of our rivers, channeling and other works to speed the removal of floodwater merely increases the problem and moves it downstream. In the Lake District in the UK, of two valleys near each other, one has suffered catastrophic flooding and the other not at all. The difference is that in one valley the river has not been kept clear of debris and the hill sides have limited grazing, allowing some scrub and gorse to grow, all of which slows the water flows and the other has none of that, leading to disaster.

CHINA AND COAL POWER

Another very surprising area that China is engaged with is outlined in the TED talk: James K. Thornton: "Why is China appointing judges to combat climate change?"

James Thornton was one of the architects of the Paris Climate agreement and was asked by the Chinese Government to help them draw up climate friendly laws. The prime requirement, to which they agreed, was that the laws must allow the state to be sued. They have now taken 80,000 legal cases, mostly against local administrations and administrators. One thing they have found is that many of the coal powered generating stations were built as vanity projects with no permission. As a result, they will be dismantled and never used. It seems that we, here at home, could learn some useful lessons from China.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE AMAZON

I have just been reading of a series of commercial projects in the Amazon basin where ranch land, originally formed, probably illegally, from burned forest is being bought up by companies and re-planted with native trees which can then be used to generate carbon credits, making it a viable commercial undertaking to restore desperately needed tropical forest. Mind you the concept of Carbon Credits is highly questionable because of the absolute need to stop using fossil fuels in the shortest possible time. But the repairing of the forest is also vital for the health of the world. Do not let the perfect be the enemy of the good.

SAGE is working with St. Anne's Parish, five other parishes and Dun Laoghaire County Council to develop a Biodiversity Plan for us all in such a way that we build biodiversity corridors around the borough. In this way it is possible to increase the impact of any individual development. Dun Laoghaire is providing professional expertise to facilitate the project, for which we are most grateful. The first meeting was 16th May.

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Update from...

Cormac Devlin TD

I hope you are all keeping well. The Local and European Elections will take place on Friday 7th June. Barry Andrews MEP and I have been out and about with SallyAnn Moylan, our Local Election Candidate in Shankill *(as you know, Cllr. Michael Clark is running in Blackrock).*

We are grateful for the positive and engaging response we have received from residents and businesses in Shankill. I am asking residents in Shankill to Vote No. 1 for SallyAnn Moylan.

SallyAnn is from the area and grew up on Church Road. She is very involved in local sports clubs and community organisations. She has three young adult children, so she knows the issues facing our area and the need to provide more affordable housing, better public transport, and safer parks and streets.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

It was wonderful to see so many people from Shankill attend the recent Darkness into Light run in Kilbogget Park in aid of Pieta House. I joined SallyAnn Moylan, Colette O'Sullivan, Cllr Michael Clark and Cllr Justin Moylan as we did our laps of the park as the sun rose over Killiney Hill. It is always a truly uplifting occasion and great credit must go to the organisers and volunteers who make it possible year after year.

AGE AND OPPORTUNITY GRANTS

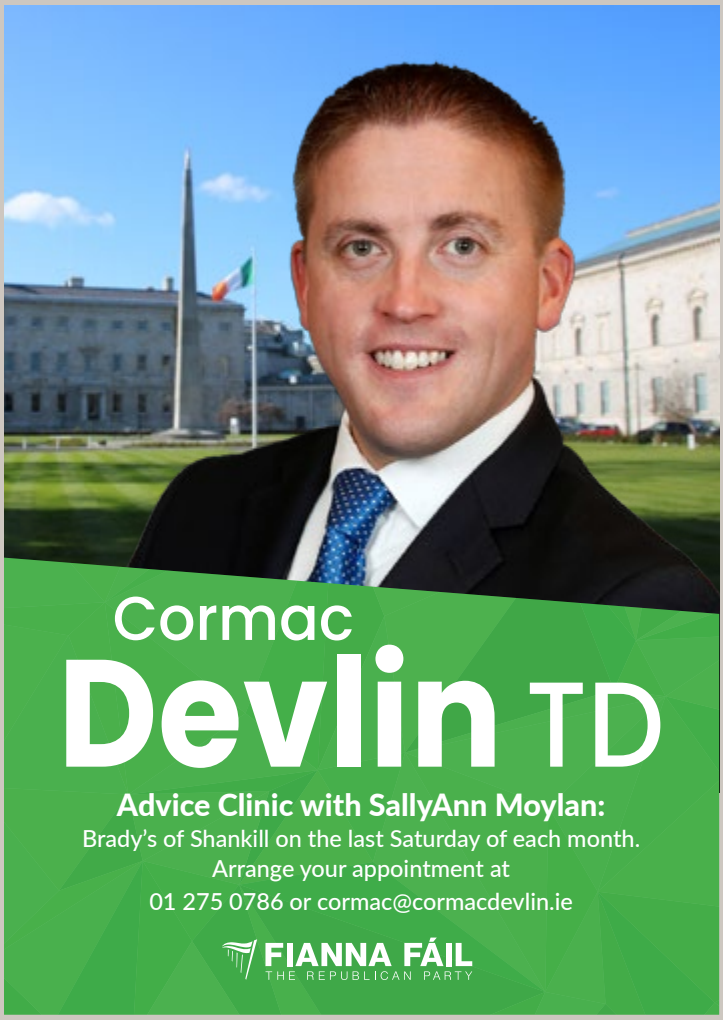
It was great to see so many local organisations awarded grants under the Age and Opportunity Scheme, successful local organisations included Arthritis Ireland (DLR Branch), Cluid Housing Shankill, DLR Sports Partnership, Shankill Day Care Centre, Shankill Tennis Club, and St. Joseph's Shankill.

NEW HOME ENERGY UPGRADE LOAN SCHEME

The Government has introduced a new Home Energy Upgrade Loan Scheme for Homeowners (including small (non-corporate) landlords). Homeowners may borrow between €5,000 and €75,000 for up to 10 years. Loans are unsecured (there is no charge taken over the property as is the case with a mortgage).

The home energy upgrade works must qualify for a home energy grant from the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) and must be projected to result in a minimum 20% improvement in the energy performance (Building Energy Rating – "BER") of the property.

The works must be carried out by an SEAI registered One Stop Shop Energy Partner or Communities Project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Up to 25% of the amount borrowed may be spent on non-energy efficiency works, for example, other home improvement works carried out at the same time as energy upgrade works (excluding the installation of fossil fuel boilers which are being gradually phased out).

Loans will be available for drawdown up to 31st December 2026 or until the scheme has been fully subscribed (whichever is earlier). Loans are subject to the normal lending criteria, terms, and conditions of the participating finance providers.

Further details on the Home Energy Upgrade Loan Scheme, including the full eligibility criteria are available on the SBCI and SEAI websites.

KEEP IN TOUCH

As always, if you have any questions or need clarification about any measures, please get in touch at telephone 01 2750786 or email ***cormac@cormacdevlin.ie***. You can also sign up to my regular e-bulletin at ***cormacdevlin.ie***

School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

This Summer Term is a long but busy one. The children have been involved in a number of activities both in and out of school.

On the tennis front, we are very proud of Mary Kate who recently played in the Under 12 category of a European Junior Tennis tour event, just missing out on a place in the semi-finals. A number of other past and current pupils have been involved in Open tournaments across Ireland – well done to everyone who took part.

The Community Games are always very popular with Rathmichael pupils – congratulations to all those who took part in the Athletics competitions and all the very best of luck to those who will progress to Santry.
The School Football Team lost out to Monkstown ET in a very close match. All the very best of luck in their upcoming Cup semi-final.

Many thanks to Scoil Mhuire for organising the recent Inter Schools Cross Country Event which is in its second year. Seven local primary schools took part. We were represented by teams from our 4th, 5th and 6th Classes and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. Congratulations to all those who ran and my thanks to the class teachers and to the parents who accompanied our pupils. Our 6th Class Girls' team came 2nd, our 5th Class Boys' team came 3rd and Ella F took an individual 3rd place.

Our Infant classes are benefitting from a DLRCC Sports Partnership initiative to help to teach them to cycle. We have been given balance bikes for a month and the children are thoroughly enjoying taking them outside to the playground to practice their balancing skills.

Congratulations to those children in 6th Class who made their Confirmation in St. Anne's Church on Wednesday 17th April. We hope they enjoyed the day.

We welcomed Minister Jennifer Carroll Mac Neill TD, Regina Doherty, candidate in the upcoming European Elections, Councillor Jim Gildea and Jacqueline Burke, Fine Gael candidate in the local elections to the school to meet 6th Class pupils on 19th April. The group was impressed with the pupils' knowledge of Europe and the questions that they asked. The Blue Star Programme teaches primary school pupils about European cultures, diversity and the EU through creative activities and projects which complement the national primary curriculum. The Progamme aims to foster better knowledge and understanding of the EU and how it affects our lives, through fun, creative classroom projects and activities. In conjunction with this, as the culmination of the 6th Class pupils' European projects, the children all produced food from their chosen countries for European Food Day. They put a huge amount of effort into this and were very knowledgeable about the countries they had chosen. Staff and pupils from the senior classes of the school visited 6th Class to sample their culinary creations.

We were also delighted to welcome Musician, Pat Kelleher into 3rd Class on Monday 22nd April to play the banjo and the guitar and to tell the children about the origins of folk music and how he became interested in it. The children enjoyed listening to him and joining in with his songs.

Junior Infants to 6th Class attended workshops on 29th April run by Steam Academy, which introduced them to concepts from science and engineering in a simple interactive way using robotics and programing. The children found these fascinating and were very engaged during the sessions.

Just before the Spring term ended we held a Bake Sale to raise funds for school requirements – this was a huge success with an amazing display of goodies for sale. Thanks to everyone for baking (parents and children) and to the PTA and helpers for running the event.

We look forward to many more exciting events before the summer holidays.
Naomi Rousseau (*Principal*)

Shankill TidyTowns — Glanbhaile Seanchill

Shankill Enters SuperValu TidyTowns 2024

Shankill Tidy Towns recently submitted their entry in the SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition for 2024. This is Shankill TidyTowns' 22nd entry in the SuperValu TidyTowns competition and our 17th in succession. Shankill first entered in 1997 and continued until 2001, After a short lapse, Shankill re-entered in 2007 and has entered every competition since then.

Shankill is a place with a very distinct personality. In many ways, it is a place in-between. It is part of the Dublin metropolitan area, but it still retains a strong rural aspect. It is beside the sea and close to the mountains, but it cannot really be described as a seaside or mountain community. It is a commuter suburb but has many attributes of a country village, a curious blend of old and new, urban and rural. Shankill TidyTowns did not create this wonderful place, but it certainly helps in retaining its character.

Situated in what was previously known as the Vale of Shanganagh, Shankill is based on the historical parish of Rathmichael. Historically these were three large townlands with Shanganagh on the coast and Shankill and Rathmichael on more elevated ground inland. Today, all three names are practically interchangeable. The community of Shankill has clear natural boundaries nestled between the mountains to the west and the Irish Sea to the east. The Shanganagh River marks the northern boundary of the district, which extends as far as the green belt between Shankill and Bray, unfortunately now being gradually eroded.

Shankill's strong sense of community is reflected in the large number of local clubs and organisations and by media such as SCAN and Shankill Open Forum. Shankill TidyTowns is part of Shankill's identity and its efforts to ensure that the village and surrounding district always looks well is appreciated by both residents and visitors.

SuperValu TidyTowns

Work at the DART station during the year

A plot developed by STT volunteers on Corbawn Lane

Work on a plot being developed on Shanganagh Road

Shankill TidyTowns needs more volunteers - can you help?

Shankill's Second Gold Medal 2023

Shankill TidyTowns — SuperValu TidyTowns — Gold Medal 2022 & 2023!

Shankill TidyTowns

email: shankillmatters@gmail.com

School News in scan

Cross Country at Scoil Mhuire

by Media Team

Some of our students recently took part in a cross-country event in Scoil Mhuire on Friday, May 3rd. All of our students did amazing but a big shout out to Anna Moloney who placed 3rd and Daniel Baynes who placed 2nd in their respective races! It is our second year taking part in it and we are looking forward to next year already!

Litter Pick

by Caroline Foley

Mr. Ryan's 5th class has been working very hard to keep our village clean. Earlier this month we wore the Hi-Vis jackets and set to work, coming back with 5 whole bags of litter after cleaning up the main road. I think we should all say a big thanks to all these children for giving their day to cleaning. They will hopefully get to do it again! Cleaning our school area is one thing but branching out to the community has been so important for us.

Confirmation Day

by Emily Keogh (6th class)

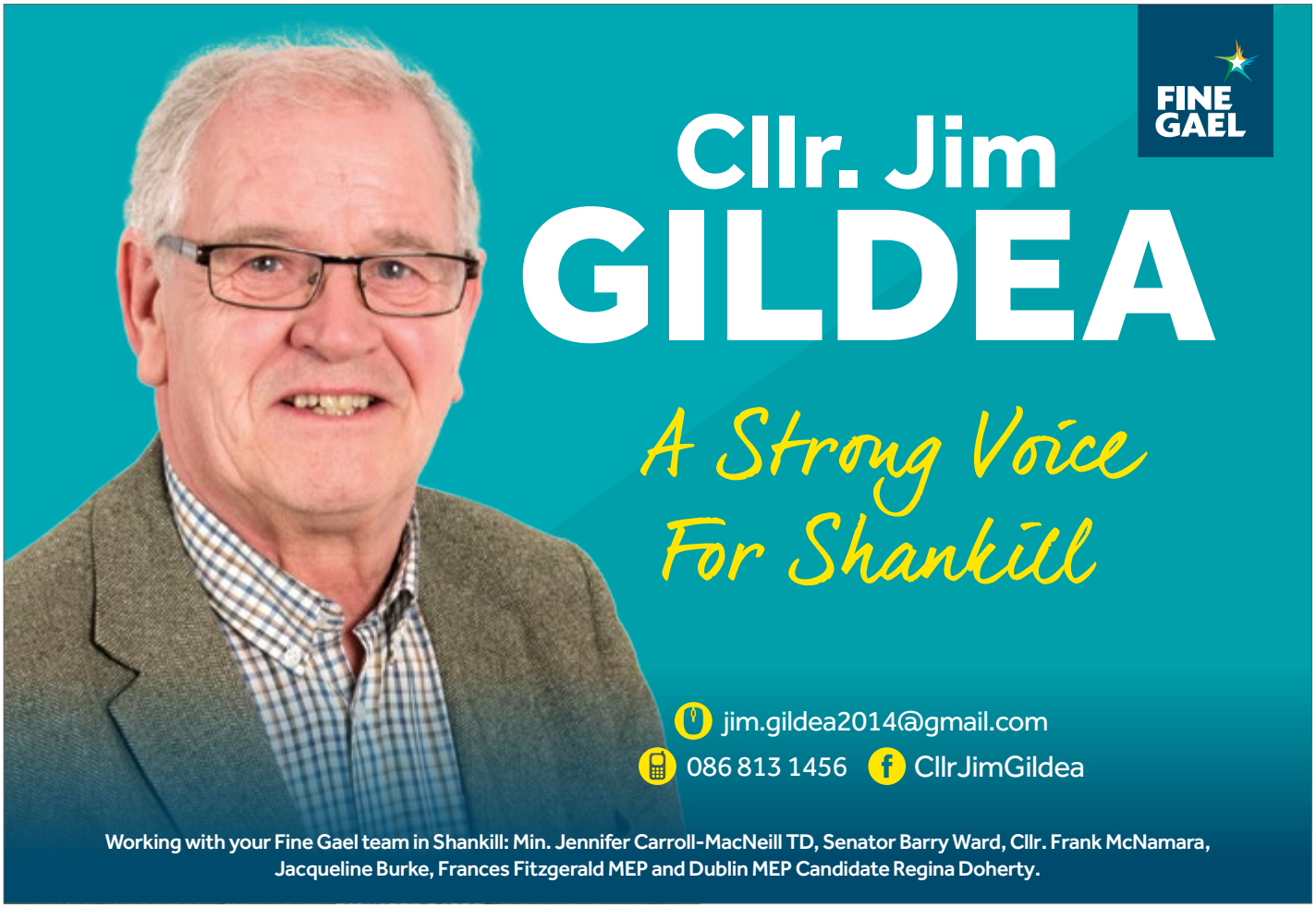
On April 16th, the 6th class made their Confirmation in St Anne's church. Everyone had been working hard for a few months to prepare for this special day. All students [6th class] met in the Resource Centre 20 minutes before the ceremony started and Jamie and Fr. Michael spoke to us about receiving the Holy Spirit. At noon we all walked into the church together. Everyone looked very happy and the 5th class sang in the choir. Ms. Maguire played while the 5th class sang as we walked up to get confirmed. After the ceremony, there were loads of pictures taken and everyone went off to enjoy their day. The next day 6th class wore their Confirmation clothes to school. The teachers had hired a photographer to take pictures of us and then our class got a class photograph together. Everyone was very happy and we will all remember this special day forever.

End-of-Year Show Preparation

by Media Team

The end-of-year show preparation has officially begun. Everyone is beginning to learn our dances and take the time to learn their parts. Mr. Hackett spent some time getting our backdrop ready for 'Cinderella Rockafella'. How incredible does it look? We can't wait to perform our end-of-year show on our new stage for the first time!!

The end of Year show is a true sign that Summer is coming but the end of an era for our 6th class. Another sign of this is the receiving of the 6th-class jumpers. We can't believe how quickly this year is passing!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THE BRAY LAKES WALK

by Margaret Dromey

Members of the Shanganagh Ramblers Club, Shankill, walked the Bray Lakes circuit on Sunday 19th May. It is a beautiful walk and particularly so on an amazingly sunny day. The walk is just over 7k. It is however rated as a moderate to hard walk due to the boggy terrain and steep sides - a head for heights is also an advantage. Circling both lough Bray Upper and Lough Bray Lower we were treated to the most spectacular views. We enjoyed our first break at the epic Eagles'Crag with superb views over both lakes, the Glencree valley, out to sea and the Sugar Loaf was also to be seen.

Our second stop was at Lough Bray Lower, which was a hive of activity, swimming, canoeing, picnicking etc. We enjoyed our well earned lunch, rest and relaxation in the sunshine before preparing ourselves for the final part of our walk. I would highly recommend this walk. Good footwear is essential though and preferably dry weather.

New members are welcome to join the Shanganagh Ramblers Walking Club.

Contact: ***brendan.haughO@gmail.com*** to request an application form.

School News in scan

Schools Active Week

Mr. Quane's 5th class had a very enjoyable tennis lesson in Shankill Tennis Club as part of Scoil Mhuire's Active School Week.

Scoil Mhuire organised a local inter-schools cross country race recently during Schools Active Week.

Féile Fichille Final

A selection of students from 4th to 6th proudly represented Scoil Mhuire in this year's Féile Fichille Final.

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Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Jim Gildea

FLOODING AT ENTRANCE TO ST ANNES CHURCH FROM DUBLIN ROAD

Question: To ask the Chief Executive if the contractor who carried out extensive remedial works to prevent serious flooding at the entrance to St Anne's Church, Shankill has been asked why the problem has recurred in a relatively short period and if the contractor is liable for carrying out further remedial works

Reply: Footpath works were carried out at the entrance to St Anne's Church, Shankill at the end of 2020. An inspection will be carried out soon as to why some surface water is remaining on the road at the edge of the footway during periods of heavy rain.

ALL-WEATHER PITCHES

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the provision of all-weather pitches in the Shankill/Woodbrook area?
Reply: We are in regular contact with the school regarding the likely timescale for the project. The main delay has been as a result of the proposed extension of the school, which has implications for the exact location of the pitch. Without certainty of the exact location for the new buildings on the site, we have not been in a position to progress the Part 8 for the all-weather pitch. Once the school has planning permission in place, we can progress this. We understand that they hope to lodge a planning application in 2024. The project remains part of the capital programme and will be progressed as soon as possible.

REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED FOR TAKING IN CHARGE

• Woodbank, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council is now in a position to recommend the taking in charge of the open space, roads, footpaths, public lighting, watermains, foul sewer and surface water sewer. Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council considers that the roads and infrastructure is of general public utility and intends to publish a notice in one or more newspapers advising members of the public of the area it is proposing for taking in charge, along with details on where this taking in charge information can be viewed and where representations can be made.
The planning permission reference D13A/0683 (PL06D.243091) was granted on 13/08/2014, for the construction of 58 no. units (40 no. houses and 18 no. apartments.)
Each of the Council's service departments have checked this development and are satisfied for the development to proceed to taking in charge as set out below-

- Water Services (surface water sewer)
- Public Lighting
- Road Maintenance
- Parks Department

Uisce Eireann has also confirmed that the Council can proceed to take this development in charge in relation to the foul sewer and water infrastructure. When the taking in charge is completed, the foul sewer and watermain will be maintained by Uisce Eireann, while the surface water sewer will be maintained by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

Note. Following the meeting I have been informed that the notice referred to above has been published and it is hoped to bring a motion for the formal TIC of the estate to the July 2024 meeting of the council.

REPAIR OF THE BRIDGE PARAPETS ON STONEBRIDGE ROAD, SHANKILL

Motion: That the Chief Executive investigate the condition of the bridge parapets at Stonebridge Road, Shankill and provide a report to this Committee on the cost of removing the vegetation and repointing the masonry in order to preserve the structure.

Report: Our Dangerous Structures Inspector has inspected the wall in question and has reported that the wall is not apparently in any dangerous state. It appears to be structurally sound with no visible signs of displacement or cracking. The north side of the bridge has 2 minor areas of repair, which presumably were carried out by the developer on completion of the new development at Stonebridge Wood as they appear quite new. The repairs consist of the rebedding of stones at either end of the bridge. The only area that has minor stonework loose is on the south side of the bridge where there is a small piece of one of the stones missing. This is very minor and would not be a cause for concern.

It would be recommended that if a cleanup of the stonework by the owner of the wall is proposed, that a stone expert be consulted first and that any cleaning/restoration be carried out in a sympathetic manner that it would not adversely affect the integrity of the bridge.

Note: During the debate on this motion the engineer accepted that the parapets are in council ownership and that they had inspected them for structural faults rather than with a view to removing the vegetation which they accept could cause problems at some stage in the future.

NATURAL BURIAL GROUND

Motion: That this Committee discuss the possibility of providing a natural burial ground within the remit of this Area Committee similar to the one at Knockma, Woodbrook, Co Wexford

Report: There are no plans to provide such a facility in the county.

COASTAL DEFENCE STRATEGY

Question: To ask the Chief Executive when a revised Coastal Defence Strategy for the area between Killiney and Bray will be available for review by this Area Committee?

Reply: The coastal defence strategy review has begun and a consultant was appointed and prepared a draft report. The review encompasses an update to the previously published 2010 strategy. In line with the recent appointment of new engineering staff to the section following a period of vacancies, it is intended to progress the completion of the review this year.

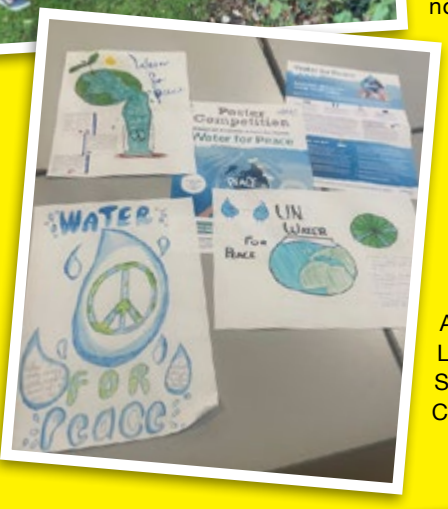
CAFETERIAS AT BECKETT AND TULLY PARK CHERRYWOOD

Question: To ask the Chief Executive when the cafeterias at Beckett and Tully Parks will be open to the public?

Reply: The Council will shortly be issuing invitations to prospective operators for these facilities via public tender.

MONTHLY REPORTS

This is my last monthly report for SCAN before the June 7th Local Elections. I hope you have found the information in the reports and in the Planning Notices useful. I look forward to providing both items in the next term of the council if I am re-elected.



Woodbrook's Biodiversity Flag 2024 Green Schools

"Healthy and Green Keeps Woodbrook Clean" – *Ms. Doyle*

The TY Green School Committee was successful in its Green School Flag application this year. All TY students participated in many green initiatives throughout the year. We took steps to increase awareness of the importance of native plants, animals and habitats, and to increase species richness in our school community.

- We built Woodbrook's own biodiverse garden which features bird feeders, a bird bath, an insect hotel and a squirrel feeder
- We increased our eco literacy using outdoor
- We designed habitat maps and showcased them on our noticeboard
- We invited guest speakers such as SAGE (Shankill Action for a Green Earth) to our committee meetings
- We participated in biodiversity workshops run by biodiversityinschools.com
- We participated in An Taisce's 'The Tide is Changing' and 'Water for Peace' competitions
- We donated to the ReWild Child Project in Ireland

Along with the Biodiversity flag, we also renewed our Litter and Waste, Energy, Water and Travel flag by following An Taisce's Seven Step Programme. We are really looking forward to partaking in the Global Citizenship Flag next year... watch this space!

Stephen McGovern *Trading as*

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Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Carrie Smyth

SHANKILL DART STATION

Having received representations from commuters regarding the state of Shankill DART Station, I contacted Iarnród Éireann. I received the following reply from the Station Manager for Shankill Station:

"We had a joint effort from our maintenance and cleaning contractors and a lot of work was done around the concourse area.

I have been out there quite a bit lately and there is a clear improvement and our cleaning audit scores are showing this too.
There is still some work planned, I have requested the old validation units be removed and replaced with tag on/off poles to help further clean up the area and keep antisocial behaviour down.

If there are any specific issues please pass them on."

GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

Motion: That the Chief Executive report on the Grass Cutting Contract for the area covered by this Area Committee.

Report: The Council is currently in the final year of a three-year Countywide Landscape Maintenance Contract. The area covered by the Dún Laoghaire Area Committee is maintained under a contract with Redlough Landscapes. Under the current contract (2022-2024) a total of approximately 260 Hectares are cut by Redlough, from a total of 393 Hectares, which leaves a balance of 133 Hectares cut by DLR Parks staff.

In all cases where grass is cut, a litter pick is carried out in advance.

Tender documents and drawings are currently being finalised and will be advertised shortly. As part of the new landscape maintenance contract the Council will assign a staff member to the project to monitor performance, and to ensure that the highest standards of maintenance are upheld.

FOOTPATHS - SHANGANAGH PARK

Question: To ask the Chief Executive to install permanent footpaths, which are not prone to flooding in Shanganagh Park on the sea/east side of the DART line?

Reply: Woodland paths will be appropriately topped up with bark mulch as necessary. It is expected that certain sections of the path network at Shanganagh will be upgraded with the delivery of Woodbrook DART station

DOG FOULING BIN - ACCESS TO BEACH AT QUINN'S ROAD

Question: To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to install a litter bin for dog fouling at Quinn's Road Beach Access to Shankill Beach similar to the one at Corbawn Lane Beach?

Reply: The Cleansing Section will install a litter bin for dog fouling at Quinn's Road Beach Access to the Shankill Beach as soon as resources permit.

AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS

Question: To ask the Chief Executive to consider installing air quality monitoring stations in the Killiney – Shankill Local Electoral Area (LEA) as none of those listed as "currently active" (Camberly Oaks, Dundrum, Kilbegnet Close, Dalkey and Cromlech Close, Kilternan) and "coming soon" (Brooklawn, Blackrock, Kilmacud Road Upper, Blackthorn Grove, Sandyford and Tivoli Road) are situated in the Killiney – Shankill LEA?

Reply: The roll out of further air quality sensors is being considered at present. There are now seven air quality sensors live as part of the most recent roll out with more planned in the coming months. All sensors are available to view on https://airly.org/map/en/. The Killiney - Shankill LEA will be considered as part of the next phase.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVISION IN THE SHANKILL AREA

I received representations from constituents regarding the provision of an additional National School in Shankill for the growing population. My colleague Aodhán Ó Ríordáin T.D., Labour Party Spokesperson on Education submitted a Parliamentary Question on this matter, which he did and received the following reply:

Department: Education

Asked by: Aodhán Ó Ríordáin T.D.

QUESTION: To ask the Minister for Education when a primary school (details supplied) will be provided. (Details Supplied) the Woodbrook-Shanganagh Local Area Plan, Shankill, County Dublin

REPLY: As the Deputy may be aware, for school planning purposes, the Department of Education divides the country into 314 school planning areas and uses a Geographical Information System (or GIS) to anticipate school place demand. Information from a range of sources, including Child Benefit Data, school enrolment data and information on residential development activity is used for this purpose. Additionally, Project Ireland 2040 population and housing targets inform the Department's projections of school place requirements.

Having considered the projected requirements in each school planning area, the Department then makes an assessment of the existing capacity within that particular area and its ability to meet any increased demand. Additional provision is made as necessary, where the existing capacity is insufficient for future needs.

Major new residential developments have the potential to alter the demand for school places at a local level. In that regard, as part of the demographic demand analysis, my Department monitors planning and construction activity in the residential sector. This involves the analysis of data sources from Local Authorities and the CSO along with the engagement with local authorities and the construction sector. In this way, up-to-date information on significant new residential developments is obtained and factored into the demographic analysis exercise. This is necessary to ensure that schools infrastructure planning is keeping pace with demographic changes, at a local level, where there is a constantly evolving picture with planned new residential development.

My Department is satisfied that the existing demand can be accommodated at present by the existing and growing schools in the local area. As a result, the establishment of the planned new school has been deferred.

In this context, the timing of the establishment of this school is being kept under review in the context of demographic analysis and the pace of residential development in the area.

However, in anticipation of the likely future need for this school, my Department is currently finalising the project brief for the planned primary school referred to by the Deputy.

The project will be delivered as part of my Department's ADAPT Programme. ADAPT is an acronym which stands for the "Accelerated Delivery of Architectural Planning and Tendering". The ADAPT Programme uses a professional external Project Manager to co-ordinate and drive the Design Team to achieve the best possible timeframe for the project through the stages of Architectural Planning to Tender and Construction.

The progression of this project will be managed in the context of the timing of residential development activity and the requirement for the establishment of the new school.

POEM

WHEN I AM AMONG THE TREES
by Mary Oliver

When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.
I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.
Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, "Stay awhile."
The light flows from their branches.
And they call again, "It's simple," they say,
"and you too have come
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine."

WENDELL BERRY
From New Collected Poems (Counterpoint, 2012)

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water,
and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief.
I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting
with their light.
For a time I rest in the grace of the world,
and am free.

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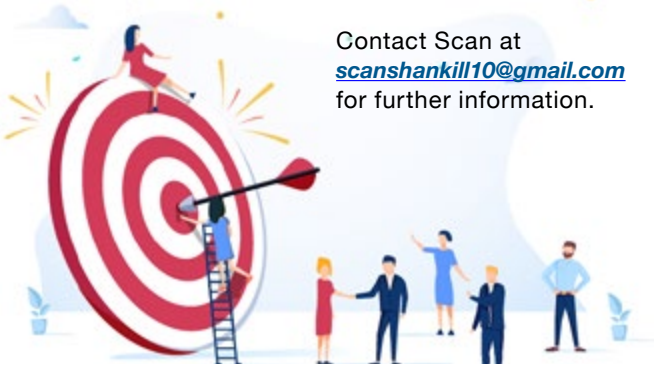

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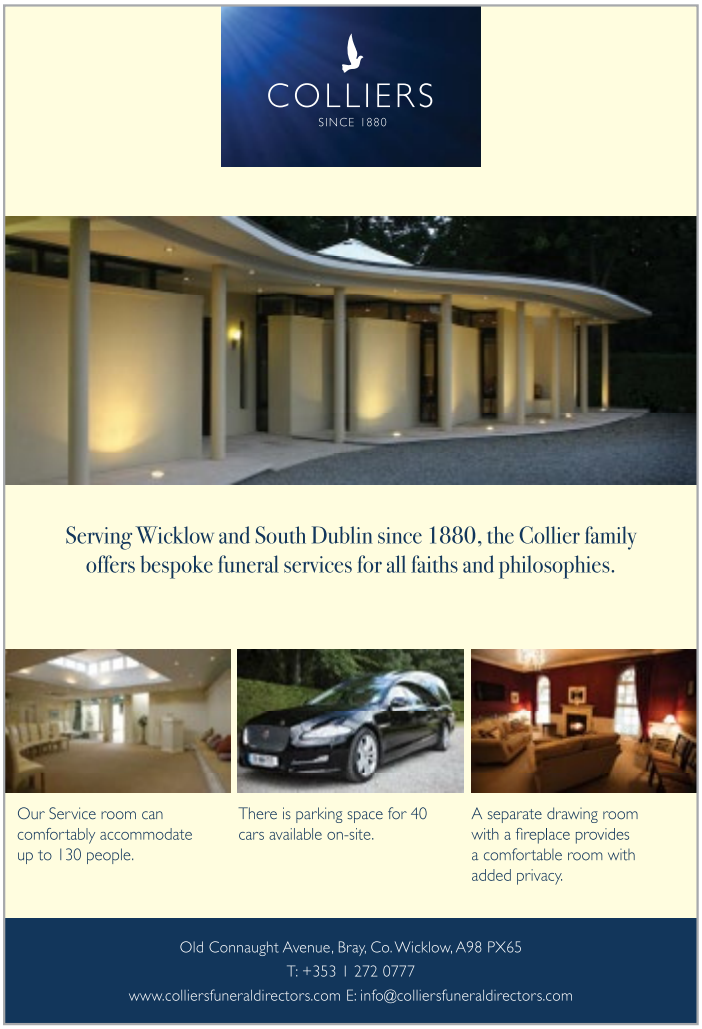
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"Aurora Borealis" *view from the Centre of Shankill on 10th May by Greg O' Brien*

PLANNING NOTICES

compiled by Cllr. Jim Gildea

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we believe our readers would like to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you need further information, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D24B/0156 Seeking Permission Date: 11/04/2024
Lisa Kenny, Crinken Lodge, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18P7R9
Extension to existing 3 bed single storey gate lodge to include single storey extension (12.35 sq.m) to East elevation to provide dressing room/walk-in wardrobe to bedroom number 1 and single storey extension (21.70 sq.m) to West elevation to provide kitchen/ dining and internal alterations including the relocation of existing bedroom 2+3 and new window in the North elevation to relocated bedroom 3 with associated site development works.

D24A/0249 Seeking Permission Date: 18/04/2024
Niall Stapleton, Glenview Cottage, Brides Glen Road, Dublin 18
Permission for: 1) Demolish of existing single storey house extension and shed in garden. 2) Construction of a single storey extension to the rear of the existing dwelling. 3) Construction of single storey shed to rear garden. 4) Parking area, landscaping and surface water soakaway. 5) Secondary wastewater treatment system and Soil Percolation filter.

D24B/0202/WEB Seeking Permission & Retention Date: 29/04/2024
Josh & Elaine Murray, 39 New Vale Cottages, Shankill, D18NP5C
Permission for a new single storey extension to the side, and a new two storey extension to the rear of the existing house. Associated site works and Retention Permission for a new garden shed / home office and associated site works.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D23A/0769 Grant Permission Date: 12/04/2024
Claire Gibbons, Rear of 31 Shrewsbury Road, Shankill, D18YW74
Detached dormer bungalow with new vehicular access with connection to all services and associated site works.

D24A/0093 Refuse Permission Date: 11/04/2024
John O'Connor, 14 Ballybride, Rathmichael, Shankill, D18W1D0
Permission for a new detached two storey house of 148.5sqm together with all site works including a new entrance onto Ballybride & all new utility connections.

D24B/0059 Grant Permission Date: 08/04/2024
Diarmuid & Judy Crean, 81 Quinn's Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin.
Permission for a ground floor extension to front & rear, 1st floor extension to side, attic conversion with dormer window to rear & roof lights to front, new flat roof over porch & associated site works

D24A/0136 Grant Permission Date: 24/04/2024
Eileen Duffy, 118 Castlefarm, D18H564
A) The construction of a two storey extension to the side and a single storey extension to the rear of the dwelling (total area 54 sq.m) incorporating 2 no. rooflights in the single storey rear extension roof and 4 no. rooflights in the rear facing main roof. B) Widening of the existing front door opening to include a glazed side window. C) Installation of a gated entrance to the rear garden in the existing side boundary wall. D) All works associated with new and existing connections to services below ground and associated hard and soft landscaping.

APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA

D23A/0314 Grant Permission Date: 02/04/2024
Council Decision: Grant permission for retention

Ali Barker, Site 6B, Rathmichael Haven, Ferndale Road, Rathmichael, Dublin 18
Retention of amendments to previously approved and now under construction 5-bedroom detached dwelling house (D19A/0919, 26/10/19) at Site 6B. Amendments include: a) Reduction in size of the overall floor area from a 5 bed to a 4 bed dwelling and reducing the floor area from 665sqm to 390 sqm by eliminating the lower ground floor single storey basement wing located to the front of the main elevation of the building on the south eastern end of the site and reducing the size of the basement under the two-storey main part of the house. Also reducing the widths of the remaining two-storey wing running from North East/South West in the rear courtyard from 11.3m to 8.2m and from 9.8m to 6.7m on the single storey section and from 7.5m to 6.7m on the single storey return wing running North West/South East at right angles in the rear courtyard. b) Changes to the internal layout to facilitate the above floor area reductions and all associated changes to the external fenestration and replacing the previously approved plaster render/ cut stone/rubble external wall finishes with a plaster render and eliminating the metal clad roof canopies around the parapets. c) Retaining the original timber and post and rail fencing along the north eastern boundary and supplementing with laurel hedgerow and providing a 1.8m high post and screen with laurel hedgerow to the top of the retaining walls on the north eastern side of the courtyard to the rear and the terrace to the front. d) any associated changes to site layout and site services.

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